

Advanced Distributed Generation at DoD Facilities

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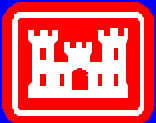
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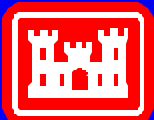


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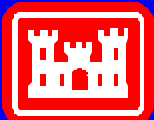
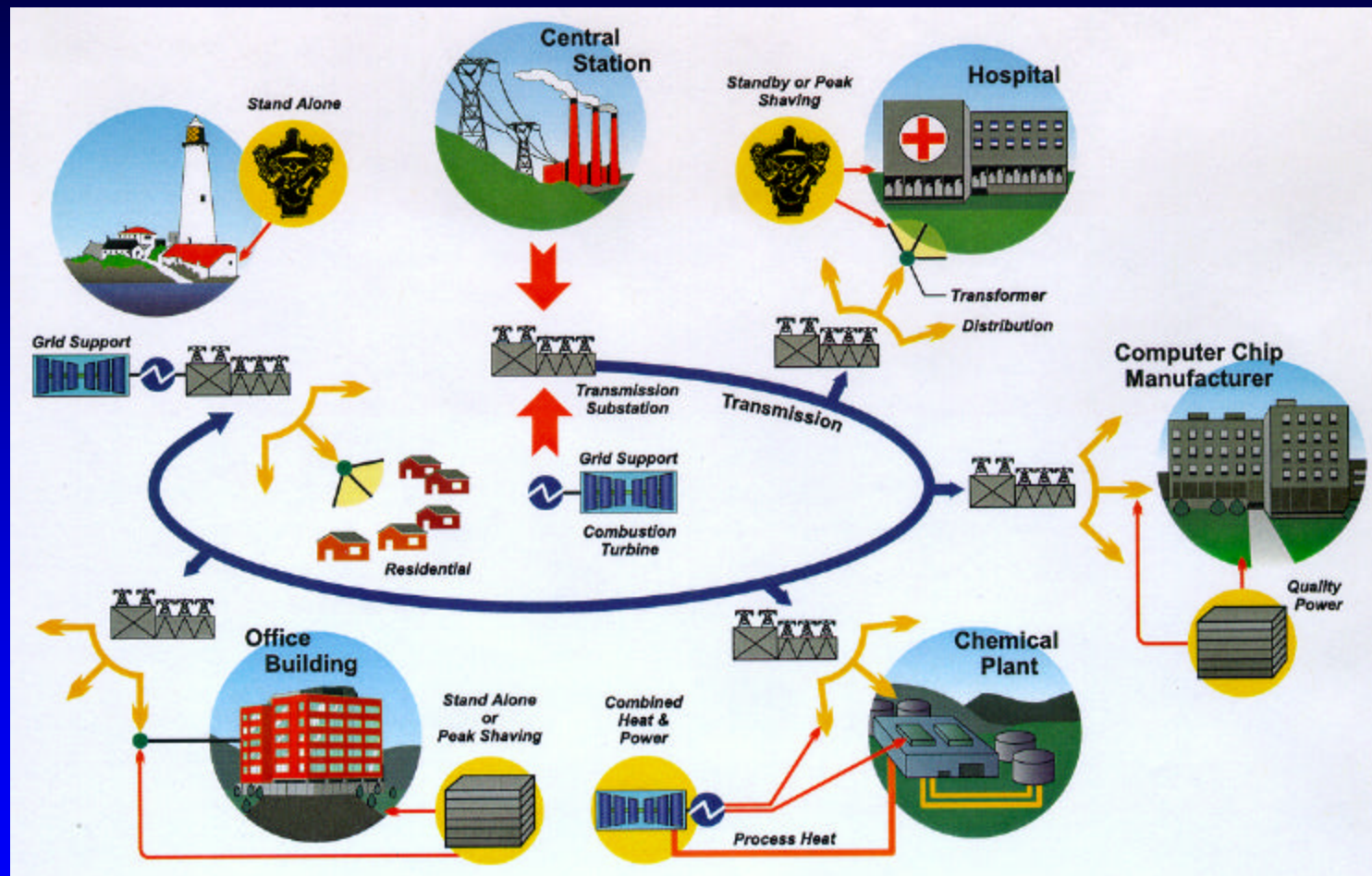


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What is Distributed Generation?



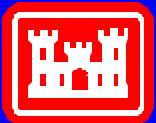
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Advanced DG Technologies

- Fuel Cells
- Micro-Turbines
- Advanced Reciprocating Engines
- Wind Power
- Photovoltaic Power
- Stirling Engines

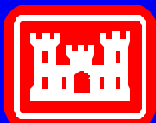
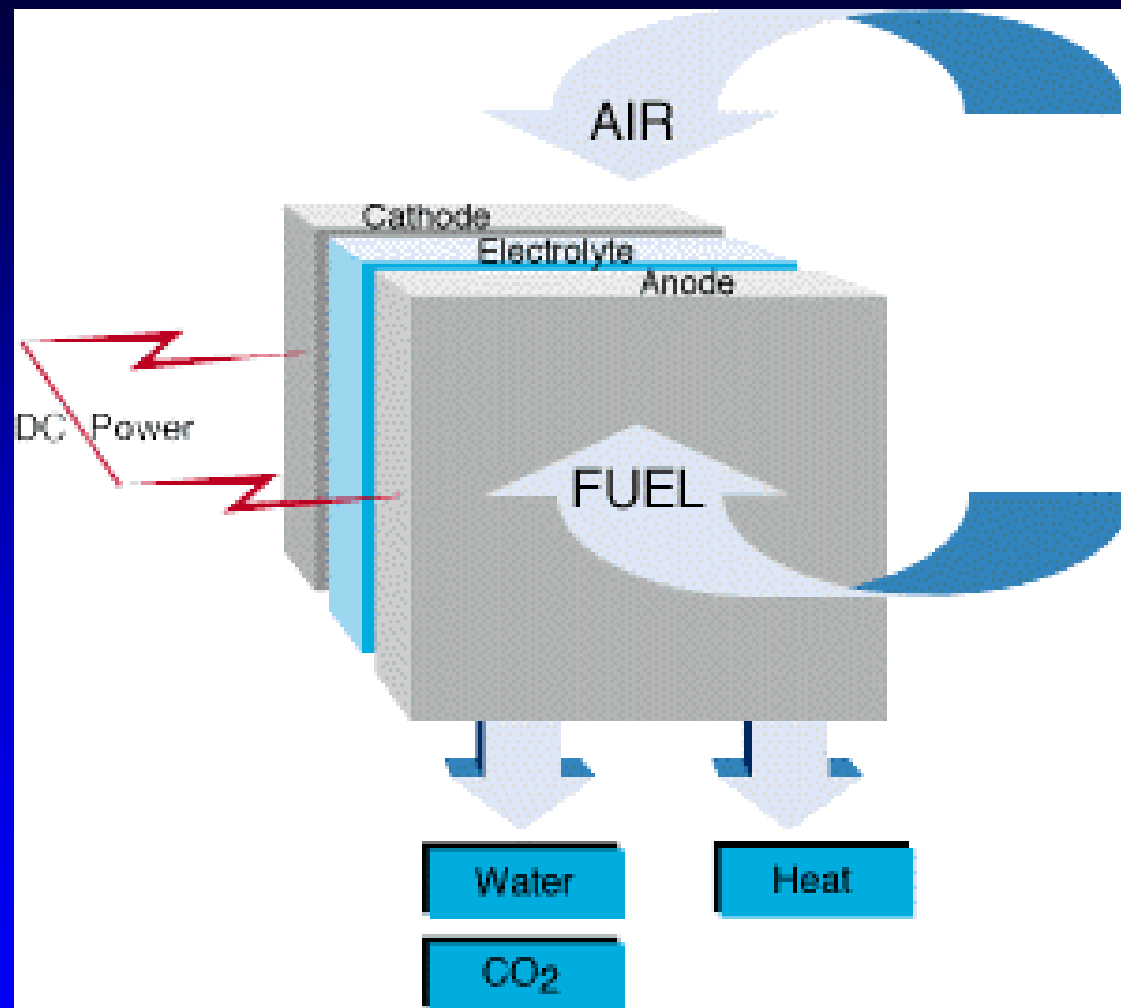


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Fuel Cells



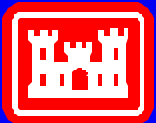
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Fort Richardson, Anchorage AK



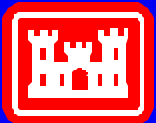
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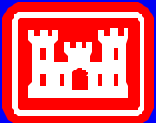
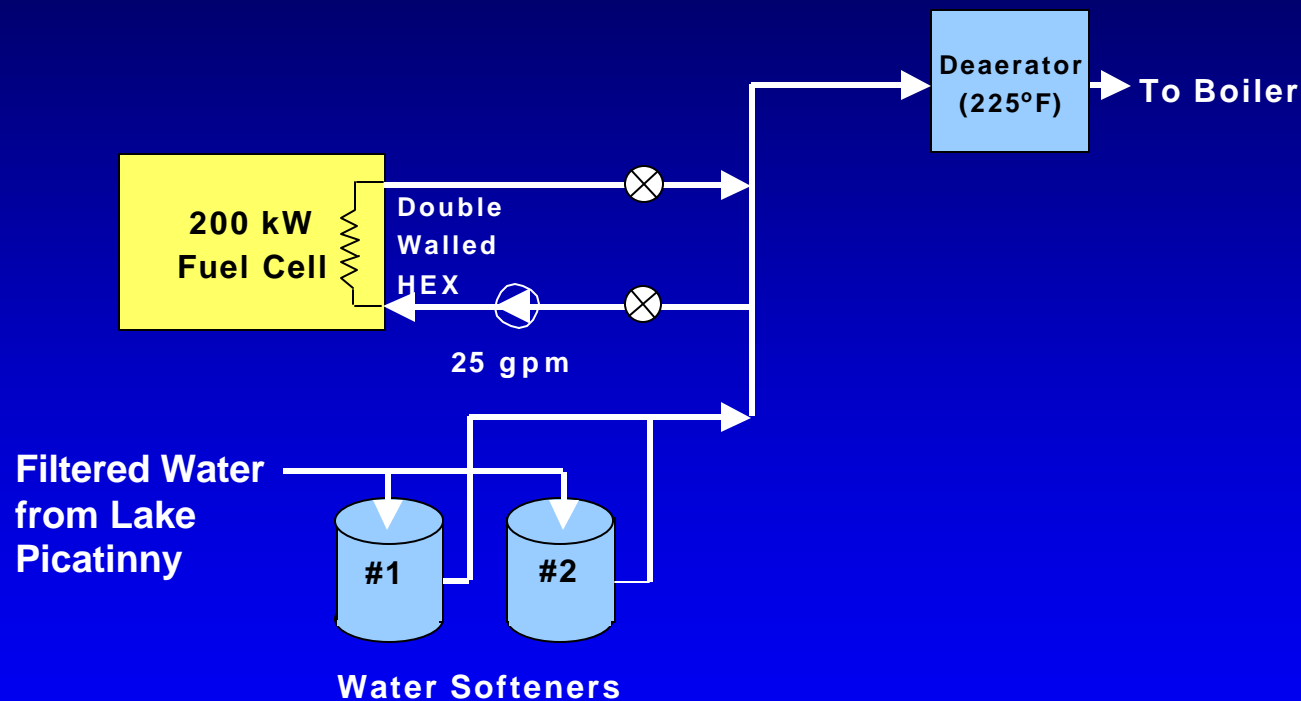


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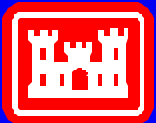
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Example Thermal Interface

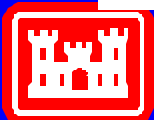
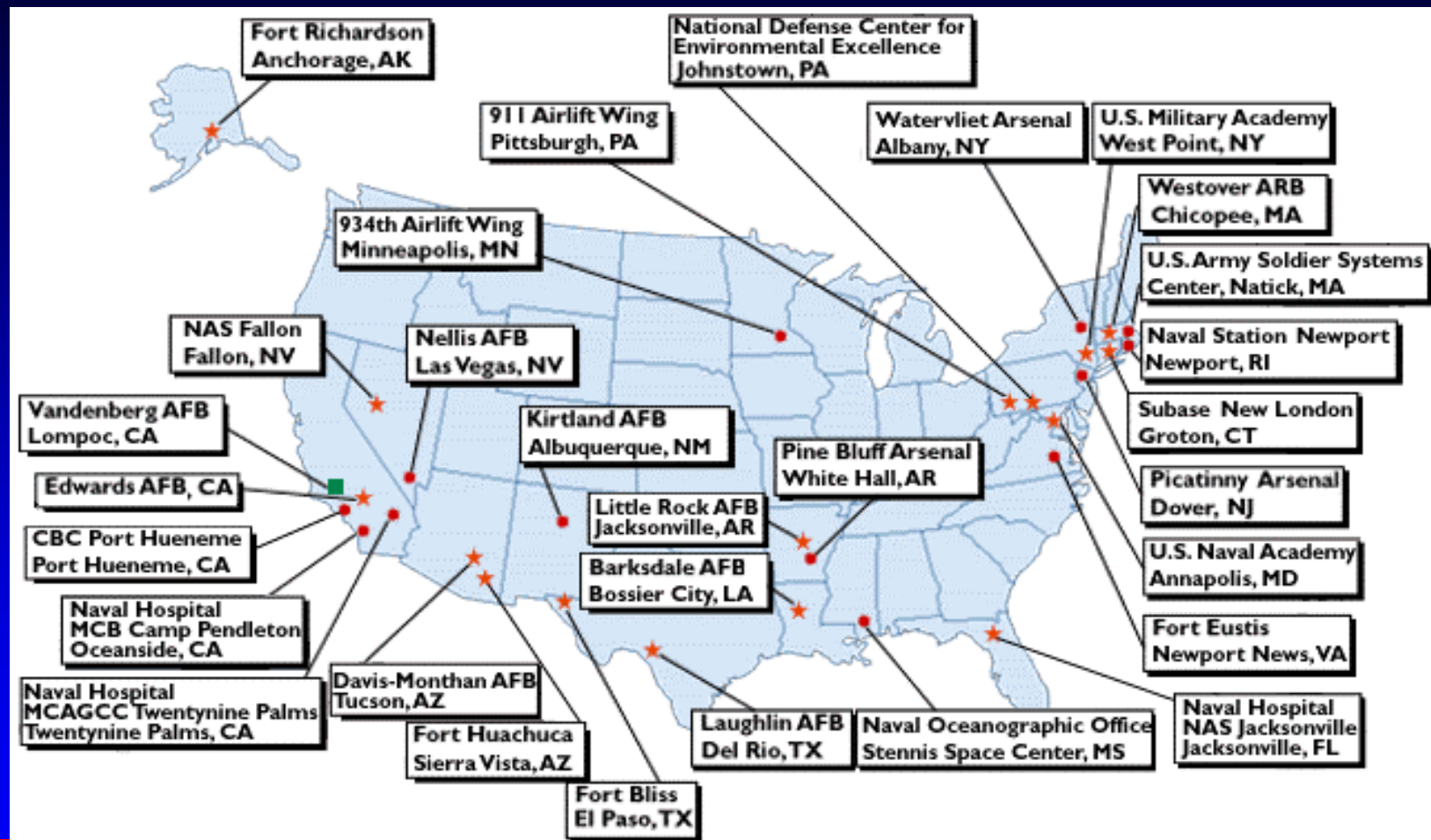


Fuel Cells

- Just one commercial product available today but many are due in the next few years
- Quiet, no emissions, high efficiency
- Very reliable, high-quality power - currently expensive, \$4000/kW, but could fall as low as \$100/kW in mass production
- Many sizes, from laptop power supply to megawatt scale



Fuel Cells – DoD Fleet



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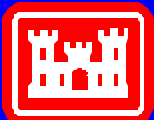
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Fuel Cells

Further advancements include...

- Development of molten carbonate, solid oxide, PEM, and alkaline technologies
- Development of vehicle applications will impact mass production, which will lower costs further

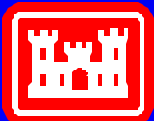
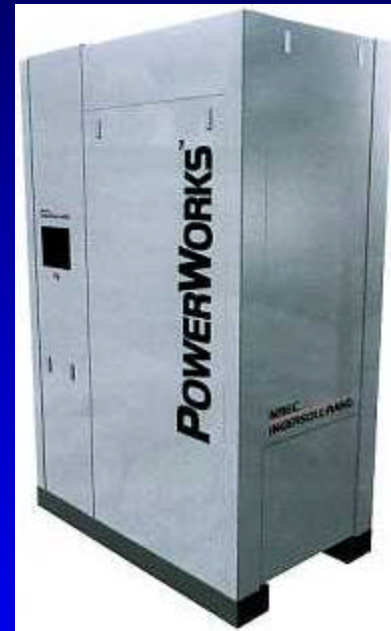


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Micro-Turbines

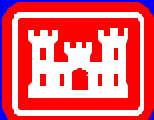
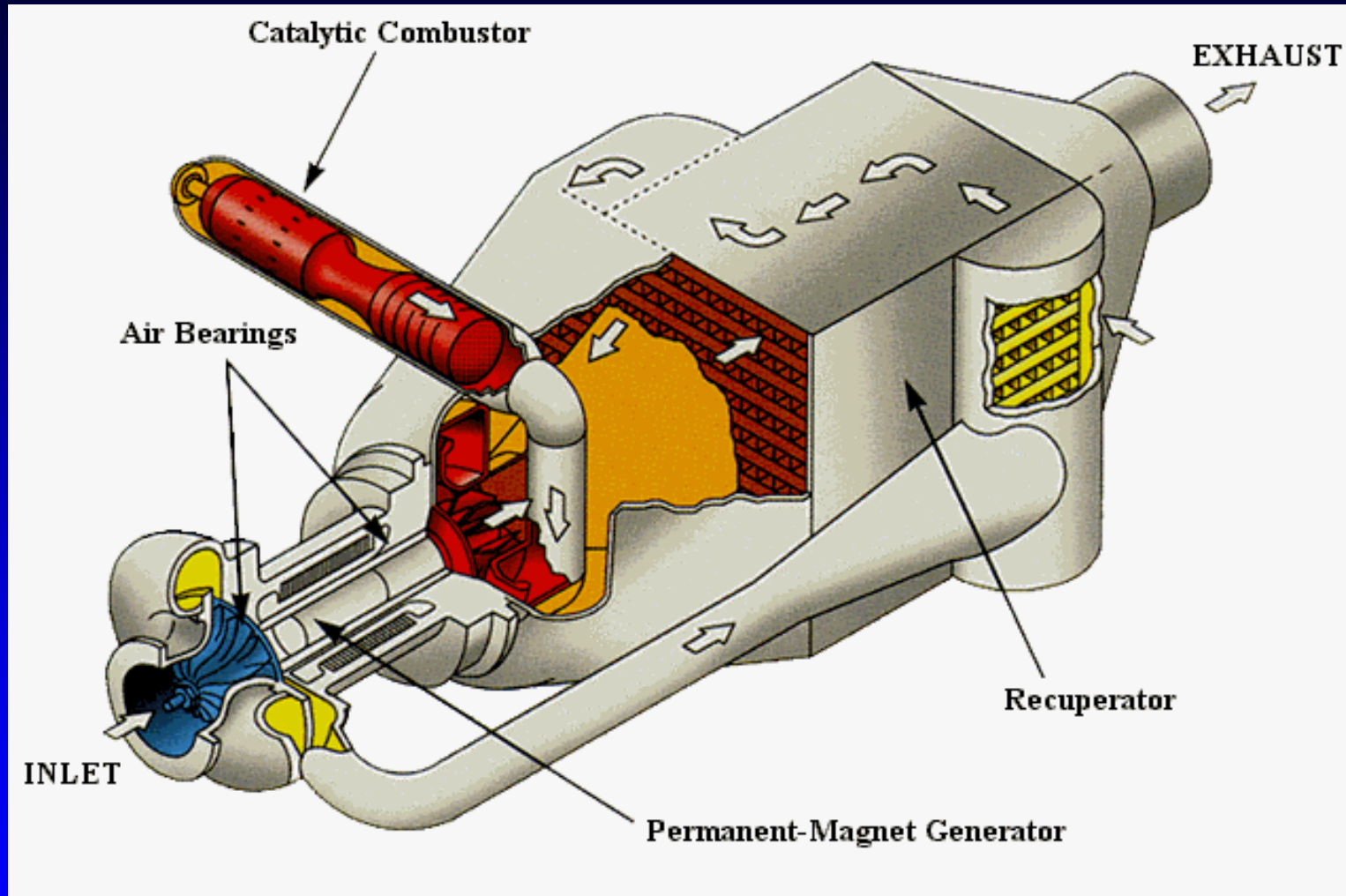


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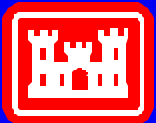
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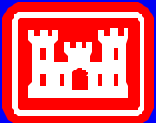
Micro-Turbines

- Miniature versions of combustion turbines widely used by utilities and co-gen developers
- Vehicle as well as facility applications
- Higher efficiency and lower emissions than reciprocating engines
- Multiple fuels



Micro-Turbines

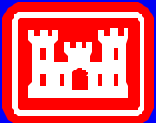
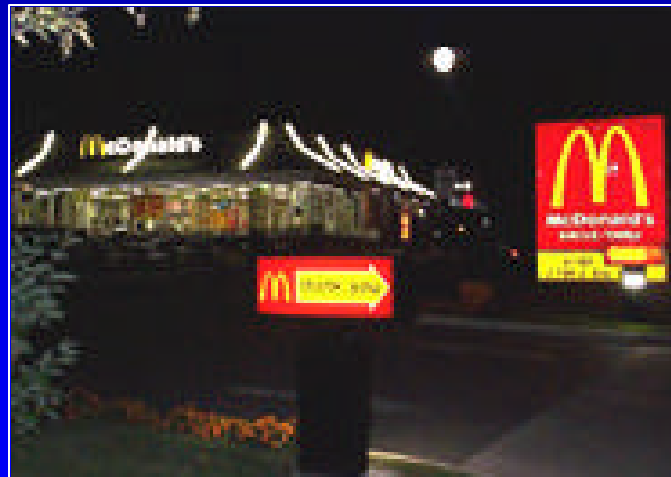
- Range from 30-kW units to a few hundred kilowatts
- One moving part - reduced maintenance
- First commercial models available in 1999
- Market entry prices approximately \$600/kW, projected below \$400/kW
- Product infrastructure support unproven



Micro-Turbines

Further advancements include...

- Establish support infrastructure
- Investigate and demonstrate units that are currently being commercialized

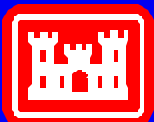


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Advanced Reciprocating Engines



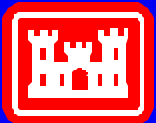
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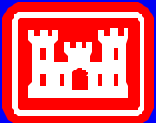
Advanced Reciprocating Engines

- Established technology with global infrastructure support
- Used in nearly all natural gas powered generators less than a megawatt
- Mass produced by many companies
- New packaged and small commercial co-gen systems



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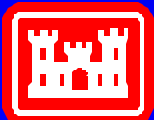
- Many sizes, from 5 kW to megawatts
- Drawbacks - emissions, noise, and relatively high maintenance
- \$500-\$1500/kW
- Less efficient than micro-turbines



Advanced Reciprocating Engines

Further advancements include...

- Monitor performance in comparison to conventional diesel generators
- Feasibility of converting existing diesel gen-sets to ARE



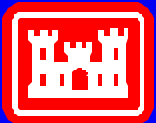
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DG Applications

- Stand-alone
- Emergency back-up
- Combined heat and power
- Peak shaving
- Grid support



Customer Benefits

- **Power quality, security, and reliability**
- **Flexible power for a wide range of loads**
- **Environmentally sustainable**
- **Reduces energy cost volatility in a deregulated market**

